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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO PETROLEUM SUPER PORT

1. IN THE EVENT AP STORY DATELINED SAN JUAN, SEPT. 27 RE SUPER PORT WAS NOT CARRIED IN US PRESS, FOLLOWING EXCERPTS (AS PUBLISHED IN SANTO DOMINGO DAILY EL CARIBE OF SEPT 28) SHOULD BE OF INTEREST: QUOTE A US COAST GUARD SOURCE IN PUERTO RICO WARNED TODAY THAT PETROLEUM SPILLS OCCURRING IN THE MONA PASSAGE BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAN BE CARRIED TO THE COASTS OF THE LATTER COUNTRY BY THE OCEAN CURRENTS. THE SOURCE AT THE SAN JUAN COAST GUARD STATION BASED HIS WARNING ON CHARTS OF OCEAN CURRENTS OF THE US DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. COPIES OF THESE CHARTS PUBLISHED BY THE DEFENSE CARTOGRAPHIC AGENCY OF THE PENTAGON WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. ACCORDING TO THE CHARTS, THE CURRENTS RUN FROM EAST TO WEST, THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR SPILLS IN THE WATERS WEST OF PUERTO RICO TO BE CARRIED TO THE COASTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE SOURCE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IN JULY AND OTHER MONTHS CURRENTS MOVING TO THE NORTH-EAST (EMBASSY BELIEVES NORTH-WEST WAS INTENDED) HAVE BEEN DETECTED -- FROM THE SOUTH OF PUERTO RICO TO THE NORTH OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -- THE CURRENT NORMALLY REMAINS STABLE FROM EAST TO WEST. UNQUOTE. QUOTE DOMINICAN OFFICIALS HAVE ALLEGED THAT SPILLS IN THE PASSAGE HAVE ALREADY AFFECTED BEACHES IN THEIR COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH WITHOUT REFERRING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE ALLEGATIONS, SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT THE COAST GUARD FROM SAN

JUAN HAS HAD TO COPE WITH AT LEAST FIVE SPILLS IN THE AREA OF MONA ISLAND. HE ALSO SAID THAT SHIPS ARE FLUSHING TANKS IN THE PASSAGE. THE SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT THE PASSAGE IS A HEAVILY-TRAVELLED MARITIME ROUTE BY SHIPS THAT DO NOT CALL IN PUERTO RICO. AMONG THESE HE MENTIONED SHIPS THAT TRAVEL FROM VENEZUELA TO THE PORTS OF NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE ON THE EAST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY AIRPOUCHING FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE.
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